

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

D. Dube, et al. Applicant:

Case MCO73YP Art Unit: 1625 Serial No. : 10/534,582

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For 4-OXO-1-(3-SUBSTITUTED PHENYL-1,4-

DIHYDRO-1,8-NAPHTHYRIDINE-3-

CARBOXAMIDE PHOSPHODIESTERASE-

4 INHIBITORS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated January 31, 2007 setting forth shortened statutory period fir response ending April 30, 2007. Reconsideration of applicants claims is requested. Any additional fees required in connection with this response may be taken from Merck Deposit account no. 13-2755. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page X of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

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